

Minutes of the TAP Framework Implementation Review Committee

Friday April 21, 2017 10:00AM – 12:00 PM

61 Woodland Street, Room 305

Hartford, CT

Attendance

Present, voting: D. Weiss (co-chair SCSU), L. Doninger (co-chair GCC) G. Adamek (NCC), M. Coach (ACC), F. Coan (TXCC), N. Esposito (MCC), G. Gelburd (ECSU), B. Merenstein (CSCU), R. McDonald (COSC), P. Raymond (MXCC), S. Selke (TRCC), E. Steeves (HCC), B. Tedesco (NVCC)

By conference call: A. Hawkins (WCSU),

Present non-voting: S. Marcelynas (SCSU), C. Barrington (TAP Co-Manager), K. Kluznik, (TAP Co-Manager), M. Buccilli (GCC) (by conference call)

Guest: B. De Vito (CCC)

Absent: S. Fagbemi (CCC), B. Lynch (QVCC)

Meeting called to order

L. Doninger called the meeting to order at 10:08

Announcements

None

Minutes approved

Reports from campuses

SCSU: As previously reported, all pathways have been endorsed. SCSU will grant Framework30 credits even if students do not complete the TT degree. Gen Ed 1 and 2 will be built into the transfer banks and should therefore transfer in automatically exclusive of the Framework30.

TCC: Matriculation guides for TAP are now completed.

ECSU: All pathways that are offered on campus have been endorsed, although Early Childhood has not as yet sent in the final paperwork.

TRCC: All pathways have been endorsed.

ACC: All pathways have been endorsed.

MCC: ECTC endorsed, notified campus about Gen Ed 1 and 2

COSC: Assessment cycle has been reviewed and the FIRC cycle will be adopted.

HCC: has endorsed Art and Theater. ECTC has not yet been endorsed due to confusion about when the final document was produced. HCC questioned how frequently the system-wide Banner attributes of a course (AESX, WRIX, etc.) will be updated and whether or not they will be applied retroactively? Will there come a point when, as a new course is added to a college's "Appendix I," the attribute will no longer be applied retroactively? Ken responded that they would discuss this at Academic Council, but felt fairly certain that an attribute cannot be removed retroactively.

NVCC: ECTC is going to a final vote, Italian has been approved, and French should follow.

NCC: Waiting to hear back on ECTC, Theater and Art have been endorsed.

CCSU: Art is at Faculty Senate, no update from Theater, in discussion about the Gen Ed 1 and 2, in discussion about Creative Writing, and whether or not it should be included for Creativity.

MxCC: Art has been endorsed.

WCSU: Computer Science will be endorsed in May, Art is in curriculum review process, no update from Theater or Gen Ed

GCC: All pathways have been endorsed. Courses for Gen Ed 1 and 2 are being finalized.

QVCC: Email report - Informally approved a set of courses to meet Gen Ed 1 and 2 which still need to be finally approved through CIP committee. QVCC uses eLumen for assessment, and they are just about done formatting the templates for outcomes/competencies, and associated rubrics. Their aim is to have all faculty who teach TAP courses assess in their classes the competency areas related to their course(s). These preliminary data will be ready in report format early in the fall 2017 semester. The plan is to continue with this approach through the 2017-18 semester.

Current changes in tuition and fee structure (particularly regarding the addition of large fees for courses in Fine Arts, Manufacturing, and Sciences) have raised serious concerns in the Fine Arts program about the previously crafted and affirmed Arts pathway. One of the points that pathway group struggled with was the difference in contact hours between a number of institutions, and how to reconcile this within a single pathway. The sudden addition of large, burdensome fees may adversely affect the viability of that pathway (and/or others that similarly have courses with higher contact hours).

CCC: Email report – ECTC was endorsed.

NWCC – no report

Co-Chair Report

- Coordinating Council (CC) will meet on May 3. There has been a lengthy hiatus during which the CC has not met. The Co-Chairs will provide a report at the meeting in order to bring that body up to date.
- Co-Chairs met with Arthur Poole. It was clarified by the Co-Chairs that all CSUs must assess the Framework30 competencies and SLOs. The TAP rubrics and TAP assessment schedule are recommended, but not required. Schools must report what rubrics and schedule they will be using. Poole agreed that FIRC should continue on with the work of assessment as per the Implementation Plan.

Co-Manager Report:

- Circulated updated endorsement sheets.
- Pathways that have gone through FIRC have been approved by the BOR and will be available in the Fall. They are posted at ct.edu/transfer. Please review them for accuracy.
- Work on updating the 2016/17 pathways is in progress. Everything should be online by May 15.
- Official launch was last Thursday.
- Co-managers have been meeting with Bridgeport area high school counselors who are very excited about the TT.
- On Facebook, New Haven Promise comments were excellent.
- Working on what and how curricula are archived
- CCs are vetting Gen Ed 1 and 2 courses which will be housed on the website and on the appendix sheets. They will appear in Template 4 and will be labeled as Additional Gen Ed Global, Additional Gen Ed Creative. It will be important to make it clear that they are not part of the Framework30.
- Each campus will need to decide how it lists Transfer Ticket in its catalog. It can be simply a link to the website. The degrees will be archived at BOR. A mechanism is needed to inform campuses about changes or corrections that have been made. When advising sheets are being created, it is important to always go to the website for the most current information. Any campus changes should be reported to FIRC by the campus TAP FIRC representative so that they can be incorporated.
- Look at the red print at the bottom of the template for language to utilize for examples as well as electives.

Unfinished Business

Parameters for Assessment

All 17 schools must assess the Framework30 outcomes.

Discussion of the Parameters for Assessment

Item #6 was eliminated. There was discussion about #5 Change “will” to “should” on #5– each campus will decide if some or all SLOs will be assessed in each cycle. It was noted that some schools have created a Blackboard site for everyone involved in assessment.

A motion was made to approve 5 parameters and unanimously passed (attached).

New Business

FIRC rotation was discussed. FIRC was formed in 2014 and a decision was made to have three year terms, renewable once. Any partial terms at the time of the vote were not counted towards the two allowable terms. A rotation schedule was developed as follows:

At the end of the 2014-2015 academic year, the representatives from TXCC, NCC, ACC, TRCC, and CCSU will rotate off the FIRC. At the close of the 2015-2016 academic year, the representatives from MCC, GCC, QVCC, MXCC, ECSU, SCSU will rotate off. Finally, at the close of the 2016-2017 academic year, the representatives from CCC, NWCC, HCC, NVCC, WCSU, COSC will rotate off.

The new WCSU representative is Patrice Boily, the new CCC representative is Becky DiPinto, Elizabeth Steeves will stay on FIRC for HCC (this will start her first 3-year appointment). No definitive appointment yet from NWCC, NVCC, COSC.

At the next FIRC meeting a decision needs to be made about how the Student Services representatives will rotate.

In the fall Co-Chairs will be elected and hopefully a secretary will step up. The Co-Chairs will send a ‘job description.’

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 AM

Submitted,

Gail Gelburd